ELLIS ISLAND BOMBARDED BY FIRE AND SHRAPNEL; ALIENS ESCAPE DEATH

TERROR STRICKEN **IMMIGRANTS PRAY**

Giant Explosion Rocked Buildings and Flames Threatened All of Them.

RAIN OF FLYING STEEL

Blazing Barges Drifted Near With Shricking Shells-Heroic Episodes.

A truly miraculous escape was that of the 550 immigrants and officials-men. women and children-on Ellis Island, indeed, of the island itself, in the great explosion and its spreading waves of deruction. First rocked by the two treendous blasts, then threatened for hours by five flaming barges that shot over it shrapnel and shell and might at moment have grounded and exploded right under the walls, some power seems to have preserved the immigration station and those it held from death and disaster.

Not a life was lost, not more than a dozen persons were hurt, and those not seriously cut by the broken glass that fell about everywhere and law life have

periously cut by the broken glass that fell about everywhere and lay like leaves in every building and on every walk. One of many miracles was that the 149 patients in the two hospitals, a majority women and children, escaped injury, although the hospital bors some of the worst of the fusiliade of shrapnel that flew from the barges.

The remainder of the immigrants on the island, 253, suffered little execution.

the island, 253, suffered little except from fright, and all of these were safely taken off the island. The sick and thirty-five insane patients were kept on the island all through, and though several times they had to flee as the death splitting barges vected about the island. spitting barges veered about the island none was the worse for his experience yesterday. Many of the children, deighted at the new game and the fire six big deck pipe streams.

Buildings Practically Intact.

The buildings, too, escaped damage beyond all reasonable expectation—all of them, particularly the contagious disease hospital on Island No. 3, under the deck and the men hugging close to it, sputtering and coughing for breath in cheek should be same that the same and seeming about to blow up. There are few whole panes of glass on the island, which means that thousands were broken; roofs are smashed in places. Sometimes by shell; doors and sush damaged and ripped from walls, plaster has fallen in sheets, but that is the worst of it.

That the station itself thus escaped is due, they believe on the island, to Providence; but that the immates escaped work by doctors, nurses, officers and men on each of the three islands, in each department. Each one of the 125 members of the staff one of the staff one of the 125 members of the staff one of the staff one of the staff of the staff one of the staff one of the staff one of the

the island did himself proud, they agree.

Tense moments when life and death
balance may come in some men's lives.

but few must endure such tense hours
as did those on Ellis Island in the early
hours of yesterday morning. Not once
but five times it seemed as if the very
juliand must be blasted form under them island must be blasted from under them by the explosion of one or other of the barges that floated slowly, but with leadly sureness, upon them with the ide. Two barges actually did touch he piles at the foot of the contagious lospital, but brave and cool work by the stream and finally sank them.

Peril of Hurtling Missiles.

Besides the awful dread of the explo-on they had the actual peril of the

the water beside the fugitive patients.

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The doctors stopped not a moment, "We, who are about to die, saiute you," murmured one to another—but they got every one across safely. The thirteen young women nurses helped carry sick children through what looked like impending death.

At that time not one in a thousand of the spectators who lined the New Jersey and Manhattan shores would have given a fig for the chances of life of anybody on Ellis Island. Seemingly almost surrounded by barges, which seemed to bombard the island like floating batteries, lighted up now and then by great flashes, followed by explosions that seemed as if they must shake the island to the bottom of the bay, then mass of buildings looked like a volcano around whose head swift lightnings flashed. Each flash showed the rain of of shot, shell and burning brands that fell upon it and made broken windows and twisted woodwork look like ruins.

Three More Fiery Barges Appear.

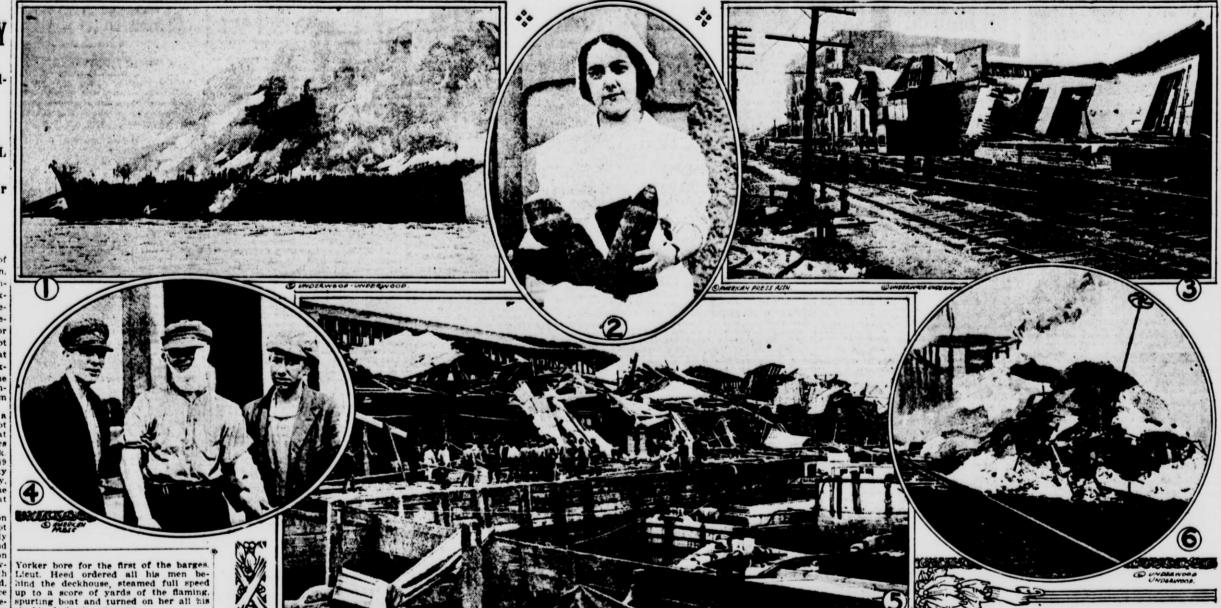
that won't be till the women go," they told these men, and they kept their words.

Three More Flery Barges Appear.

As the dawn came up across the harbor and the valiant fight against the first barges drove them off and later sank them, there drifted in between the island and the Jersey shore three men barges, in what looked like a solemn cortege of death, at equal distances apart. The hearts of those on the island sank.

But as the first of these edged in closer to the second island hospital and to northwestern point of the first island, she had been in the slip on the first island side, pumping for all she was worth on the first two biazing barges.

Lieut. Charles J. Heed, crouched in the pliot house with Pilot Afred. C. Smith, had something of the spirit of Fargagui in him. "Damn the shrape of the second is and the New had the coard the next the laid of a dosen matron and of Watchmen George Heines and James Fennelly, all were niduced to present the sille Island. Women with sheld, charged with murder.



Shell Pierces Pilot House.

rooms in the basement of the receiving

Interne and Orderly Are Heroes.

During this perilous dash for safety
Dr. H. F. Trimble, a young interns at the hospital, and Dario Tedesco, an orderly, had taken one of the station's lines of hose to the very end of the hospital wall, and were playing it upon the first of the blazing barges.

Steadily the barge came nearer, but the interne and the orderly stayed on, doing their bit, holding the stream on her.

When firemen from the New Yorker

butter and fishcakes—all there was, said Leonard apploagetically. They found many of their rooms already swept too. During all this there had been no alarm from the Ellis Island siren, lest its uncustomed sound send the immigrants into a veritable panic. As it was, except for the one Greek woman who was just hysterical and fainted, nobedy had got out of hand.

Soon afterward, about 8 o'clock, came by on the New Yorker of Immigration, He was delighted with everything that had been done and tele-

doing they had the actual peril of the flying shrephel and the big brass shells, nearly a foot long, tipped with a fulminate cap, that bissed and whistled through the air. They fell everywhere, smashing through roofs, windows, woodwork, pattering on walls, dropping from the skill best the shock of moving them far be too great for many, the surgeous skept all the sick and insane patients, of whom nearly a hundred were women and calidren, all foreigners and many wildly excited, on the lawns behind the hospital buildings. They were wrapped up, many tucked in cots brought out for them, and were getting quieted.

Then came the first of the blazing barges and lighters. For a time they were safe, when slowly the first of these, a three masted schooner, apparently swung around from the southwest toth southeast corner of the southernmost of the three islands. The shrapnel, the burning fragments, the sparks, flung high in air, fell clear over the protecting walls and close to the little crowd of invalids.

Doctors Employ Strategy.

After staying at the Barge Office an hour or more the Ellis Island brought back her load. They found awaiting them a breakfast of coffee, bread and butter and fishcakes—all there was, said

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Then came the closest to a real panic after the first shock of the explosion. Soothing some, threatening others, the doctors took them all to the first island, where they were safe. The crossing had to be made over a narrow, unenclosed causeway running right along the water's edge, not far from the Jersey City shore. At the same time another barge, drifted down opposite it, and the rain of missiles from it splashed in the water beside the fugilive patients.

The doctors took them all to the first island, trailing fire and smoke and sparks behind.

The first explosion, he said, lifted the floor of the main building a foot—or seemed to. "I asked heaven to forgive my sins," he said, "and went down to my supposite it, and the sposite in su



PICTURE NO. 1 is one of the burned barges loaded with ammunition. No. 2 is Miss Margaret Grady, nurse, of Ellis Island, exhibiting some of the shells which fell there. No. 3 is what is left of the National Storage building. No. 4 is Capt.

Charles Cutler, one of the injured, of the barge O'Boyle. No. 5 is the ruins of the ammunition storage warehouses. No. 6 is the debris from a carload of potash burned in the fire. No. 7 is the ruins of an ammunition barge on the Ellis Island shore.

to the oars. The camera man clung lov- and that the watch; attached to a cha

SHELL HITS BOAT

Eagerness to Get a "Closeup" of Munition Barges Nearly

An intrepid motion picture camera man who had filmed everything of interest in the freight yards decided that he would like to get some close range views of the floating munition barges. He turned up his nose at the idea of danger. He came across a daredevil who volunteered to take him out to the barges in a flat bottomed rowboat. The offer was promptly accepted.

when they reached shore.

M. T. Henley, yardmaster of the Lepton him with the exception of a strip of cloth that hung from his waistline like a "recebleth. More than his dignity was injured, however, for he was standing on top of a freight car superintent that and other freight cars to a position of safety when the first explosion hurled him to the ground. He was not even bruised, but he found that in some mysterious man he found that in some mysterious man he din and confusion. There were two ner his gold watch had been jerked from two ularm blaes, one far uptown in a

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To be quite frank about it, this sale is not an appeal, but an

ingly to his machine and encouraged the rower. About half way out a shell casing which had been shot into the air from a barge came ricocheting along the surface of the water. Fortunately its strength had been spent and it was on its last skip when it struck the prov of the heat a glanging blow.

Another weird tale is told of Patrologia and Henry Deberry of the Fifth was

Another weird tale is told of Patrolthe boat a glancing blow.

The boat stood up on its stern something after the manner of an unbroken
bronco. It righted itself, however, and
the worst that befell the occupants was a
slight drenching. They abandoned their
project, however, and seemed relieved
when they reached shore.

Another weird tale is told of Patrolman Henry Doherty of the Fifth precinct in Jersey City. Doherty, who is
known among his fellow officers as
"Handsome Harry," was stationed at the
foot of Claremont avenue. He was standing near the edge of a pier when the
first big bang occurred. He was thrown
into the water, and when he managed to
pull himself out found that the force of

promptly accepted.

The volunteer boatman removed his his pocket. An examination showed loft building and the other on the West tan ties and his straw hat and then bent him that his vest had been torn open Side, but most of the engines were out

central Railroad of New Jersey on February 1, 1911. Thirty persons were killed and great property damage retrouble was caused by the automatic alarms. The concusion set a number of these off and sent the apparatus four story brick building at 339 Macon scurrying aimlessly looking for configgrations that did not exist.

OTHER EXPLOSIONS WHICH ROCKED CITY

Freatest Previous Disaster Was Loss of Excursion Steamer, With 82 Lives.

New York has suffered many serious explosions, the gravest of which up to yesterday morning was that which destroyed the Staten Island Railroad ferryboat Westfield, July 30, 1871. The Westfield was used to carry excursion parties and about 225 passengers had passed aboard the vessel and she was still receiving more when the boiler exploded. Eighty-two persons were either killed or drowned and 125 were injured. Next in the number of lives lost was

the "Park place disaster" of Saturday. August 22, 1891, in which sixty-one persons were killed and property damage was done to the extent of \$500,000 by a mysterious explosion at 68-74 Park The "Barclay street explosion" of De-

ember 20, 1877, was of a similar nature. Following the emission of a cloud of smoke and dust the building at 68 Barclay street crashed to the street. A fire in surrounding buildings followed, the total loss of life being ten. Forty-two persons were injured and damage to the extent of \$380,000 was done.

October 29, 1900, a fire started in the wholesale drug and chemical establishment of Tarrant & Co. at 96-100 Warren street. Employees ran for their lives and were hardly out of the building when a great explosion occurred. Although property loss estimated at \$1,000,000 was

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The building of the subway brought about an explosion in front of the Murray Hill Hotel on January 27, 1902.

Dynamite killed five persons and caused damage estimated at \$1,250,000.

Ten persons were killed and 120 were hurt December 18, 1910, when Pintsch gas leaking at the New York Central's power house at Lexington avenue and Fiftieth street exploded. Fiftieth street exploded.

answering false alarms.

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